REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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CITY OF VICTORIAS
OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 14
Series of 2020

AN ORDER SUSPENDING CLASSES IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS, IN ALL LEVELS, AND ALL SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES AND GATHERING, INCLUDING GRADUATION RITES AND MOVING-UP EXERCISES

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code mandates that every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, President Rodrigo R. Duterte approved the recommendation of the Inter-agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases that upgraded the Code Alert System for Covid-19 to Code Red Sublevel 2, placing Metro Manila under "community quarantine";

WHEREAS, the "community quarantine" in Metro Manila which commenced today, March 15, 2020 until April 14, 2020, will cause exodus of persons to take refuge in cities and municipalities outside of Metro Manila, including Victorias City, which has no record yet of local virus transmission;

WHEREAS, there having increasing threat, the health and well-being of student population requires stringent measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19 such as social distancing thru suspension of classes in all levels for both public and private schools in the City of Victorias, and other school-related activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANCIS FREDERICK P. PALANCA, by virtue of the power vested in me, do hereby order the following:

Section 1. All classes in all levels, for both public and private schools, be suspended EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, until further notice;

Section 2. It is left to the sound discretion of school administrators and officials, with and/or approval of the Department of Education, the Commission on Higher Education, TESDA, and other training institutions to undertake measures/arrangements to allow students to continue fulfilling their educational requirements during the suspension of classes;

Section 3. All school-related activities, including graduation rites and moving-up exercises are barred;

Section 4. The Barangays of the City of Victorias are directed to implement measures to ensure that students remain in their homes during the class suspension;

Section 5. School administration/officials are directed to coordinate with the General Services Office of the City in the conduct of sanitation of school buildings and premises during the class suspension.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Victorias the 15th day in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty.

FRANCIS FREDERICK P. PALANCA